

Ord.

2013-0196

INTRODUCED BY: V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR., PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 13-6-1

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances by revising Chapter 21, Article I, adding Section 21-1 (g) regarding the installation of culverts in subdivisions containing open swale drainage that have pre-engineered designs for subsurface culverts.

**WHEREAS,** numerous residents of subdivisions that were designed for subsurface culverts but now have open swale/ditch drainage systems have expressed a desire to have their ditches closed in with subsurface culverts; and,

**WHEREAS,** in order to respond to these requests and still maintain the integrity of the overall drainage systems, it is necessary that the Parish establish procedures for said installations; and,

**WHEREAS,** the establishment of a pilot program is needed in order to determine what procedures are required to properly install these culverts.

**THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-1 (g) added to read as follows:

(g) Establish a pilot program to determine the proper procedures required to install subsurface drainage in open swale ditches. The pilot program will end on March 30, 2017.

(1) The pilot program will be limited to the following subdivisions that contain open swale drainage and currently have stamped engineering designs to install subsurface culverts: Fashion I, River Wood, and Primrose Estates.

(2) An Inspection Fee of \$250.00 will be charged for each lot in the request and paid by the property owner. All fees collected will be credited to the Department of Public Works. Said fees shall be adjusted on June 1, 2014 and each year thereafter in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to the New Orleans – Baton Rouge Area, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustment shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the prior calendar year and rounded up to the nearest dollar.

(3) This work is being done at the request of the property owners and does not necessarily mean that it is being done to address a drainage problem but to make the subdivision more aesthetically pleasing and improve the property values.

(4) The property owner(s) shall petition the Department of Public Works to request that subsurface drainage be allowed in the pilot subdivision. Said petition shall include a copy of the Subdivision Restrictions to ensure that subsurface drainage is allowed in the subdivision per the restrictions, and a copy of the original engineered drainage plan for the subdivision. It shall be unlawful to allow for the installation of culverts in any subdivision in violation of the respective subdivision restrictions.

(5) The property owners will be responsible for all cost associated with installing the culverts including, but not limited to, installation plan, materials, driveway replacements required, special connection boxes, relocating conflicting utilities, inspections, and construction labor. The installation plan includes, but is not limited to, verifying and depicting the sizing of culverts, determining invert elevations, inspection requirements, and all necessary drawings and documents stamped by a Louisiana Professional Engineer. Approval of the installation plan by the Public Works Department is required prior to construction.

(6) Cleanout boxes shall be required for every forty (40) feet of culverts. Where it is deemed to be in the best interest of the parish drainage system, the director of public works may allow a deviation of this footage requirement.

(7) All culverts shall be either concrete or smooth bore plastic pipe A200 (or equivalent) designed for drainage.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, FAUCHEUX, WILSON, WOODRUFF, BENEDETTO,  
COCHRAN, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS: HOGAN

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of June, 2013, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: W. Benedetto

SECRETARY: [Signature]

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 6.4.13

APPROVED: [Signature]

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: 6.5.13

AT: 9:55am

RECD BY: [Signature]